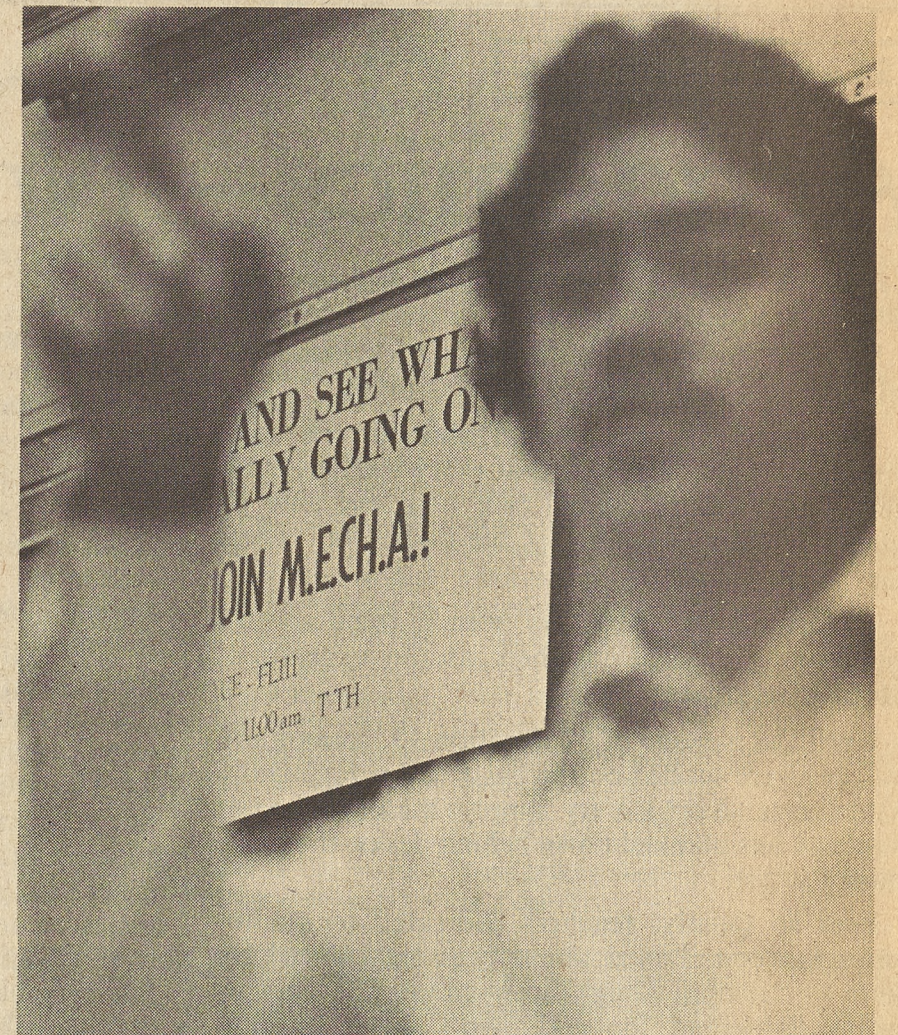


What's News in '78: The Year That Was



TAX REVOLT—By far, the biggest news story of 1978 at Valley was Prop. 13, the Jarvis-Gann initiative. Promising to slash property

taxes, Howard Jarvis was cheered by most homeowners, but roundly booed by many students.



CHICANO POWER — MECHA president Jim Garcia and other concerned Chicanos fought hard to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment which would add the word "Hispanic" to the title of the Commissioner of Chicano Studies.

Photos by: Janice Lugavere
Tom Neerken



CROWNING TOUCH — Dart Sipes was elected Homecoming King for 1978 but could have used a new tailor. No such problems plagued Queen Judy Streit, Sipes running mate.



STARTING YOUNG—Star learned from chief of Campus Police Wally Gudzus that young people, like the 12-year-old pictured above, are thought to be responsible for much of the vandalism at Valley.

Valley Star

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Turning the now-yellowing pages of Valley Stars gone by, one is struck by a number of important events, issues, and people shaping the news year 1978.

By far, the biggest news affecting Valley College in 1978 was Prop. 13. Sponsored by crusty businessman-politician-tax reformer Howard Jarvis, Prop. 13 sought to cut property taxes by nearly two-thirds. While California voters passed the measure overwhelmingly, Prop. 13 was loudly opposed by many Valley administrators, teachers, and students.

But Prop. 13 was far from being the only big news at Valley in the past year. In chronological order, here are some of the other news highlights:

Feb. 23: Claiming part-time teachers "are treated like second-class citizens," Roselle Lewis, a part-time English teacher at Valley, opposed a recent labor contract approved by the American Federation of Teachers.

Mar. 9: In a dramatic board of trustees' meeting at Valley, the board voted 4-3 not to issue "March 15" letters which would notify teachers and administrators of possible dismissal in case Prop. 13 passed.

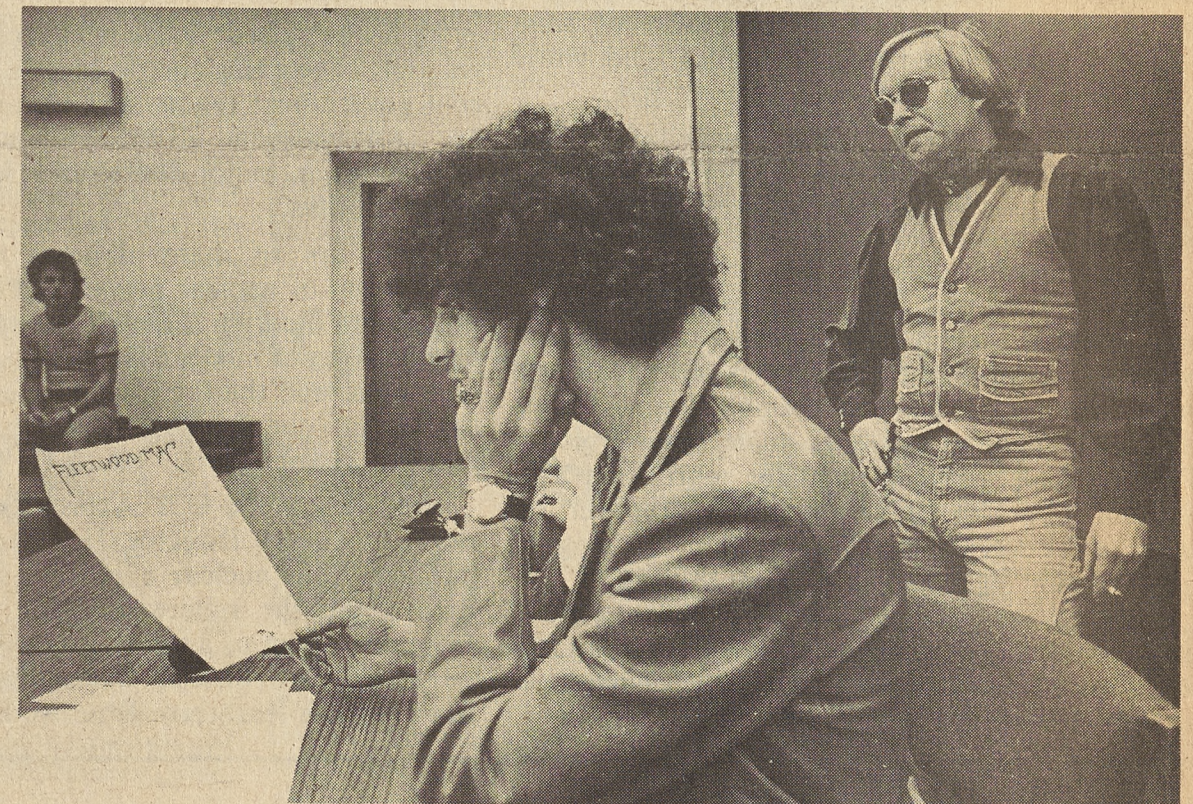
Mar. 16: After two years of construction, Valley's swimming pool is completed.

April 20: L.A. Chief of Police Daryl Gates speaks on campus. He praises college students of the 1970's.

May 11: Students are granted the right to vote without paid ASB cards.

May 25: Mike Moline is elected ASB president for the 1978-79 academic year.

September 14: After spending a summer trying to figure out which programs will be cut, it is revealed that 1978-79 could be the last year for tuition-free community colleges.



ROCK 'N ROLL 'N FRAUD? — Eric Eidman, a Valley student, raised eyebrows and the ire of ASB by promising that rock star Stevie Nicks would be on hand to sing the national anthem at Homecoming. Nicks never showed.



MONARCH MOUNTAIN—Chock-full of interesting things to do, watch, eat, Club Day was a favorite event among Valley students again in '78.

Sept. 28: Valley counselor Ramiro Rosillo claims Valley's affirmative action program is "lip service."

Oct. 5: The board of trustees schedules a vote on the continuation of mandatory P.E. After several postponements, the mandate was upheld.

Oct. 19: A recommendation was made to the board of trustees to increase the number of general education units from 15 to 32 for the A.A. degree.

Oct. 26: ASB announces it is filing charges against Eric Eidman, a Valley student, for forging the signature of Fleetwood Mac member Stevie Nicks on a note promising that Nicks would sing the national anthem at homecoming.

Dec. 7: Approximately 20 MECHA members stage a sit-in at ASB president Mike Moline's office over a proposed amendment to the AS constitution.

Dec. 14: Claiming a "breach of contract" in the co-curricular takeover, ASB announced plans to sue the district.

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns on this page are the opinions of individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star. Staff cartoons do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the artist.

STAR EDITORIALS

Academics—Not Bodies

Star believes in quality education. Not quantity education.

So do the great majority of teachers, administrators, and students on this campus.

Star feels this is a pivotal time for the community colleges. We hope that every teacher, every department, every school will hold the line on academic standards and let the bodies fall where they may.

Unfortunately, there has been a trend toward maintaining student numbers at the expense of educational quality.

Until the passage of Proposition 13, community colleges were funded on the basis of Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Very simply, the more bodies a college has plunked down behind desks, the more money it got.

Ever so quietly, teachers dedicated to quality education complained about pressures placed on them to "maintain high body counts," even if it meant lightening the class work load, grading easier, or being more tolerant of students who were absent more often than they were present.

Others acknowledged that academic standards were eroding, but philosophically accepted the ADA game, figuring that if the school generated

enough ADA it would have more money for each department.

When Proposition 13 passed, ADA passed away. Now Valley gets its money through a thing called block funding. That means Valley received 85 percent of last year's budget for this fiscal year, which ends in June.

Privately, some rejoiced the funding changes brought about by Proposition 13.

No more ADA, no more reason to soften academic demands.

But the story doesn't end there.

Because future community college funding is still in the air, there may be more pressure than ever to maintain high body counts, says college President Alice Thurston.

She said community college districts which show significant drops in enrollment may be badly hurt financially when the governor and State Legislature address themselves to the problem of how community colleges should be funded.

Furthermore, Valley may find itself competing with other colleges in the district for funding, which means competing for students.

She said even individual departments within Valley are increasingly in competition for students, because now all classes and teachers have to be justified.

Nuke Moratorium Urged

According to Murphy's Law, if anything can happen, it will. Murphy's Law is frightening when it is applied to the proliferation of nuclear power and weapons; so frightening as to stagger the imagination.

We at the Star are appalled by the risks involved when dealing with any form of nuclear power. We strongly believe that if the money and technology funneled into nuclear power projects were put into the development and implementation of non-polluting alternative energy sources, the world would be a cleaner and safer place to live.

The Star supports a moratorium on the production of nuclear weapons and power plants. We feel that the possible dangers involved far outweigh the advantages.

Documented evidence on the dangers of nuclear power is voluminous. There is a long list of prominent scientists vehemently opposed to it. And, as perhaps the strongest evidence pertaining to the dangers of nuclear power is the unwillingness of insurance companies to insure nuclear powerplants. They will not insure a plant for more than \$160 million. The U.S. government, at taxpayer expense, will cover the next \$400 million, bringing the total amount of coverage to \$560 million.

Although an accident could cost thousands of lives, run damages in the billions of dollars, and affect future generations to come, the courts have already upheld the legality of "limited liability."

According to Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Linus Pauling, "There is no safe amount of radiation. Even small amounts do harm." In spite of this, the amount of radiation considered "safe" has been lowered dramatically over the years. U.S. government commissioned reports indicate high cancer death rates around nuclear power plants and other government and private industry facilities where nuclear material is handled.

As far as nuclear waste is concerned, there is no solution concerning the problem of storage. A recent government report says that all storage sites are inadequate and all are temporary. There have already been major leaks and spills at several dumping sites.

There are so many dangers involved in the production of nuclear power that it would be impossible to mention them all. Of special concern is proliferation of nuclear technology, transportation of wastes, and the fact that if you have a nuclear reactor in your neighborhood, you enemy doesn't need an atomic bomb.

Fred Ikle is the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director. He stated in 1974: "The damage from nuclear explosives to the fabric of nature and the sphere of living things cascades from one effect to another in ways to complex for our scientists to predict. Indeed the more we know, the more we learn how little we know."

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Parallels Drawn Between U.S., Nazi Germany

People who dislike socialism do so — not because they have been "conditioned," as Michael Benhoff, founder of the New American Movement club, says in the article "Healy Starts V.C. Socialist Club Activity" (Valley Star, December 14, 1978) — but because they are aware of socialism's ills.

Whether we call the present system state capitalist or national socialist, it is fascist-collectivist. Our country is in the early stages of fascism: The parallels between Nazi Germany and the present-day United States are indeed ominous. Some people won't

believe we have fascism here until we've regressed to the stage when we're tormented by stormtroopers and a fuhrer, but radicals know that we must change our ways of thinking and change the system now before it's too late.

Being "socially aware" can mean being individually intimidated, as by group pressure, in the formulation and expression of our views. The "social" is often a mask for the anti-individual. A radical would accept a "social" — ism only if it recognizes and respects the rights of individual human beings.

Benhoff speaks of the "necessity for political change," but the change needed is not one in which the government changes us but one in which we change the government.

For "meaningful change" we do, as Benhoff says, have to "go to the roots" of the problem, but these roots extend beyond political economy, and the problems caused by unlimited government, to the realm of basic human values: The prevailing "morality," which legitimizes unlimited government, is anti-rational, anti-humanistic, and self-sacrificial, and needs to be changed.

The individual's liberation struggle, as a new American movement, is not a mass movement led by any power-seeking procrustean elite, but a movement of aware, reasoning,

freethinking, self-valuing individuals working to achieve their freedom.

The independent Left, playing a key role in this struggle, seeks to elevate man, the human being — not to put him/her down by elevating some superman or demigod. The independent Left champions the cause of the oppressed, and in today's collectivized world, the individual (of whatever race, sex, age, or ancestry) is oppressed. The independent Left, which advocates change, is itself changing — learning from past mistakes and becoming more anti-totalitarian, more libertarian, and more critical of what has before been accepted without thought.

— Rob Myers
Individualist Association

Cowsill's Statements Defended

This letter is in response to the LStE, Dec. 14 by Jim Garcia and Maria Rodriguez.

Mr. Garcia, Mr. Cowsill's validity for mentioning what he said is accurate and correct. I'm his resource. I was present in everything he mentioned.

I would like to point out that Mr. Cowsill was present at the very first meeting this year, that was designed to organize the club.

In addition Mr. Cowsill was kind enough to let us use his house for this meeting. Furthermore, Cowsill was going to be an active member for M.E.C.H.A., but due to the negative response that I received from the Chicano Studies Dept. and Chicano students, Richard felt that he should not be a member of the club for the

Limo, Tuxedo Rentals Defended

Regarding the letter to the editor in your December 14th issue of the Valley Star by Dennis Chudacoff, I have this to say: Why not try getting off your fanny and become physically involved with your schools ASB program.

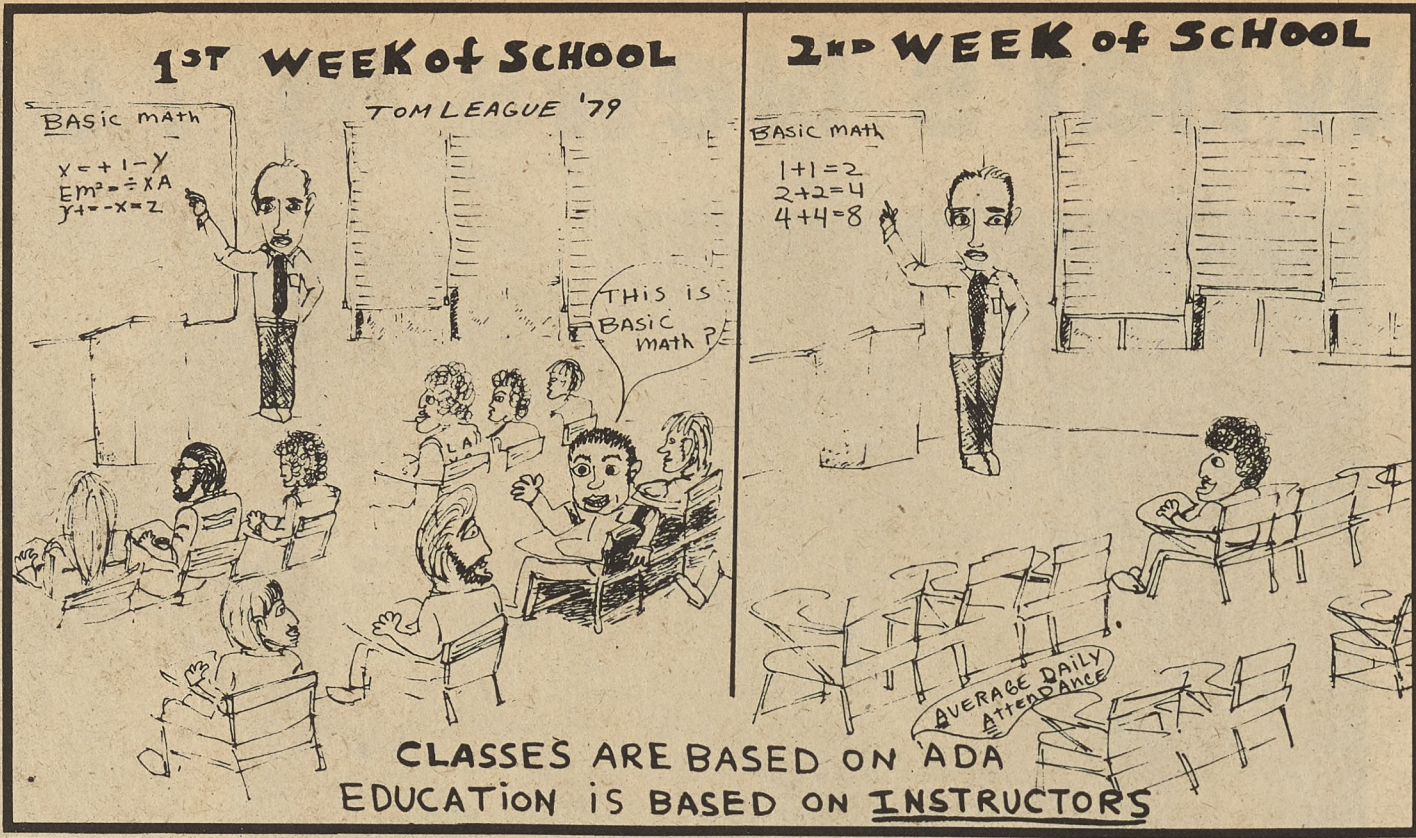
You referred to two misdirected (at most) spending incidents to defame an entire program. Further, to imply that the four students involved gained personally from either the rental of the limo or the tuxedos is a foul shot.

First, those students spent \$350 in an attempt designed to add mystery and prestige to the 30th Anniversary of our school's existence. Those students' intentions were not to rent the tuxedos and limo so they would look sharp on the way to some posh nightspot with their girlfriends. Rather, they wore them in conjunction with the celebration of the 30th

Anniversary of LAVC. The limo was introduced to add airs of intrigue and mystery to as to who the guest speaker would be: a valid promotional scheme designed to attract added interest and a larger turnout for Homecoming.

So, I feel it is my duty to inform the rest of the student population on exactly what you gain by having a paid ASB ID Card. First, having it gives you FREE: Admission to home sporting events; admission to ASB sponsored events, anywhere; Scholarships; Legal Aid; editions of Crown Magazine each semester; and, the right to join any authorized ICC club on campus. As well as protection for your parked vehicle.

Without our (ASB) support and funding, all of these programs would have been subjected to disastrous alterations caused mainly by the implementation of Pro. 13.



PERSPECTIVE

Will L.A. Become a Lost City

By TOM LEAGUE
News Editor

Two thousand years from now archaeologists will be looking for the lost city of Los Angeles instead of the lost city of Atlantis.

Earthquakes such as Monday's, are slowly but surely shaking Southern California into the sea. It has been common knowledge that when the earth was created it had only one land mass. The earth's rotation and revolution caused the land masses to break up into the continents.

At the rate of two inches per year California is slipping into the Pacific Ocean. By the year 10 million A.D. Southern California will be a separate land mass from the United States.

Since Los Angeles has the lowest land mass by the sea it will be the first to go. Gulp. Gulp. Gulp. How long can you tread water?

It will be a shame to see L.A. sink below the waters of the Pacific, but who cares? Actually it will be one good way to get rid of the smog and congested freeways. And it wouldn't be a good place to live. At least not for our future offspring.

There is a simple solution to this apparent future problem. All we have to do is move out and give the state of California to the rightful owners; the coyotes, the rattlesnakes, and the pine trees.

California is the most beautiful state in America. It's a shame to pol-

lute it with human manure (People that is). Most people have no respect for California.

With no respect of our environment we actually are drowning in our own destiny: an unfit state to live in as human beings.

In time to come we will drown in the Pacific Ocean. Between now and then we are sitting in a state of a premature quicksand drowning in our own pollutants, inflation, and widespread poverty.

Someday someone will write a book or even make a movie about the lost city of Los Angeles.

Two thousand years from now I hope the archeologists don't find out that Los Angeles has already sunk before it sinks into the Pacific Ocean.

VIEWPOINT

Leftist Club Offers Real Alternative

By KENNY MILLER
Features Editor

While Valley College may not be a hotbed of political activism, it is encouraging to note that a new club on campus, a local chapter of the New American Movement, has come into existence this semester.

The New American Movement is dedicated to meaningful political change in this country. They are an openly leftist organization with radical ideas. They have filled a void at Valley, moving into place as the only leftist group on campus.

As I enrolled at Valley this year, I noticed a list of clubs on campus. I glanced over the list, curious to see if there was a leftist group of some variety. Slowly and deliberately I reviewed the list. Bowling club, Latter Day Saints club, Young Republicans club, even a Police Science club, but alas, nothing with the slightest inkling of the Left to it.

That is one of the reasons why I was so overjoyed at the formation of a Left-

tist club on campus. The Valley student now has an alternative to some of the more reactionary clubs here.

I attended a Young Republicans meeting. Sitting in the back of CC208 one Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. I tried my hardest to look inconspicuous but this was difficult considering there were only five other people in the room, and three of them were the president, vice-president, and secretary. I wondered if they had been elected by secret ballot by the remaining two members.

Unable to conceal my identity, I told them my mission, that I, as feature editor, was there to report the events of one of their meetings. Attentive in my chair, my notebook

and pen at the ready, I sat back and listened. After five minutes I was tugging at my collar. The mediocrity was stifling. I could not get excited about the possible victory party for Rod Walsh, a local Republican candidate running for Congress. The Young Republicans voted among themselves to oppose Prop. 5, the anti-smoking initiative, and yes, on Prop. 7, the initiative to expand the death penalty for various crimes. I decided that I would rather die than be a Republican, young or otherwise.

I recommend checking out one of New American Movement's meetings and a Young Republicans meeting. Make your own comparisons. See which one deals with issues that affect your life.

TONGUE IN CHEEK

New Year Resolutions

By GERALD SITSER
City Editor

I'll tell you it's not easy concentrating on New Year's resolutions when last week's partying has left my head and feet at opposite ends of the continent.

My head's gotta be on the West Coast because it's as large and heavy as the Rockies, while my throat's as dry as the Mojave and my eyes look like sunrise in the Grand Canyon.

So much for the geography lesson. Aha! My first resolution: Never discuss classroom subjects outside the classroom. If people don't want to hear shop talk, they certainly won't go for school speak.

School speak — sounds like something out of Orwell. Aha! My second resolution: Never use worn literary allusions or tired old cliches. There's no sense in flogging a dead horse.

Oops, let a cliché slip through. Aha! My third resolution. (This is getting easier.): Practice what you preach.

Oh, oh — did it again. Aha! My fourth resolution: Never make the same mistake twice. And if you do, cover yourself and deny it ever happened.

Wrong. There's no more room for dishonesty in this world. Aha! My fifth resolution: To thine own self be true.

There I go flogging another worn phrase. It's no use, I can't seem to get decisive about my decisions this early in the year — or in the morning. Besides, by the time I hit resolution number nine I'll probably break into Beatle songs and won't stop till March.

I know, bad pun. Aha! My sixth resolution: never —

No, no. I've got too many "nevers" and not one "always." But maybe it's better that I don't do anything this year. That way I can just wait idly around till next New Year when I can purge myself of my remaining social sins.

After all, when the meek finally inherit the earth, just think how the lazy are going to clean up.

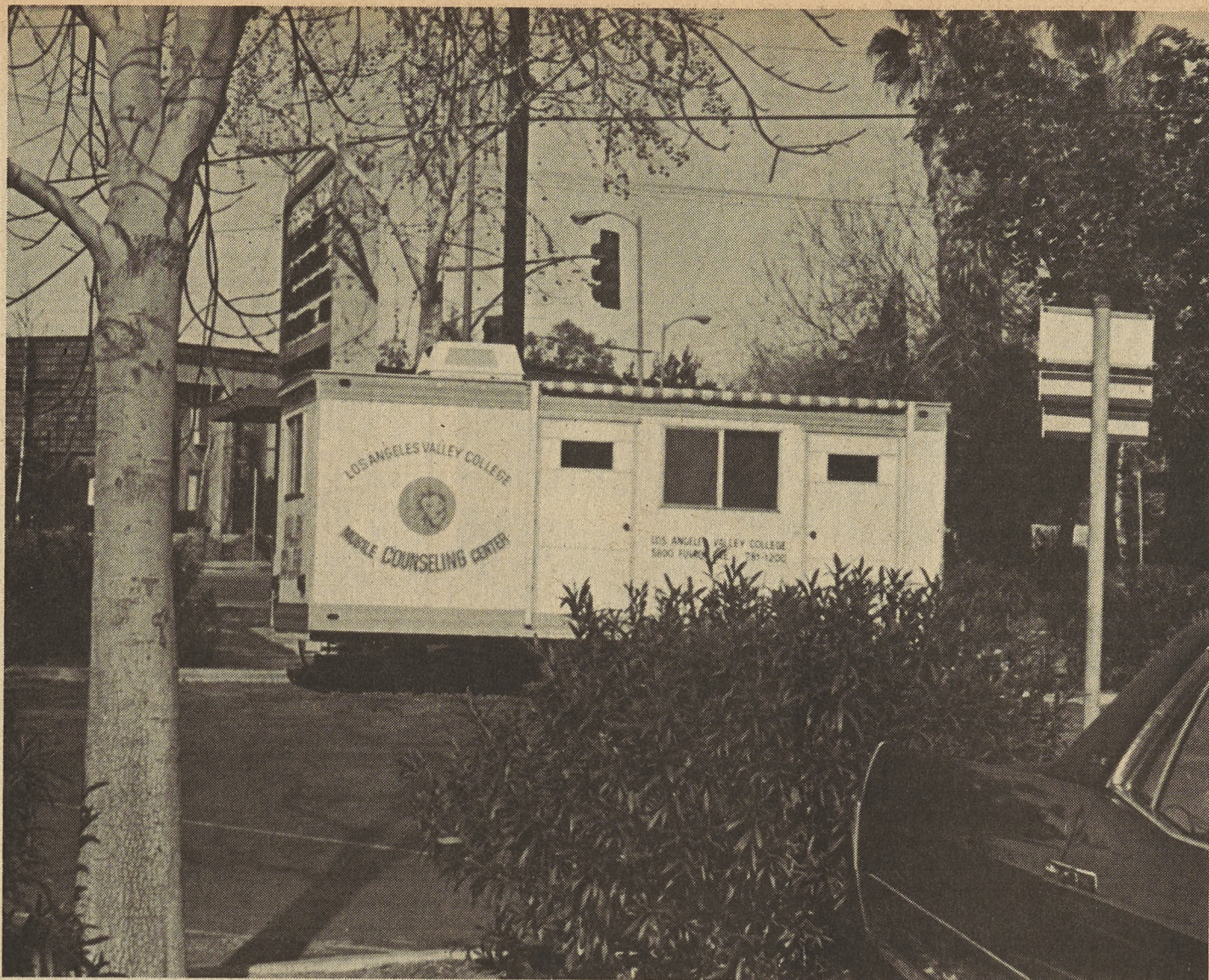
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NEW ARRIVAL—A District grant of \$5,500 brought this trailer out of mothballs and put it in Lot B (at Oxnard and Fulton) to serve as Step 1 in spring registration and hopefully increase enrollment.

Star photo by Dale Randell

Seniors To Hold Protest Rally Over Prop 13 Cuts

Protesting the cutbacks in non-credit educational programs, the Senior Students Club is staging a protest rally today at 2:30 in Monarch Hall.

According to Ida Berkowitz, rally chairperson, it will be a community protest rally. "We need the help of all who believe in Community Services Education. It is this that has been seriously cut back after the passage of Proposition 13 last June."

The group has invited elected officials connected with Valley and members of the LACCD Board of Trustees in the hope that they will recognize and appreciate the problem and help resolve it.

"The Senior Adult Program at Valley College was an exemplary

program nationwide. The effects of the legislative decision, as stated in Senate Bill 154, that no bailout monies could be used for non-credit programs in community colleges, has cut the Senior Adult Program.

At the Rally various speakers will call upon legislators to restore the funding.

Enrollment in the non-credit courses has dropped from 732 students last semester to only 207 students. The \$5 fee being charged for the previously free Gold Cards has resulted in a drop of Gold Card Holders at Valley from 10,514 to 932. Bill Carter, Senior Adult Program assistant, points out that even though only about 10 percent

validated, those 932 are active in the program. \$20,000 for scholarships are being used for those seniors who could not afford the \$500 fee. The \$20,000 came from the district. The Gold Card formerly gave the holder free admission to courses and events. Now it entitles the holder only to 50% discount.

Enrollment Procedures Rated Here

Admitting that class enrollment is "a terrible thing" for students, John Lee, assistant dean of admissions and records, has conducted a student evaluation of Valley's enrollment procedures.

"I wanted to see, overall, if students were pleased with the way enrollment is handled here," Lee said.

The first evaluation took place two semesters ago and showed that average enrollment time at Valley was 31 minutes. The latest evaluation, which covers Spring '79 enrollment, shows average enrollment time to be 36 minutes.

But Lee is pleased with his findings, even though enrollment time is up slightly.

"The First Enrollment Station was located out in the hall (of the Administration Building) when the first evaluation was done," he said. "Since then, the first station has been moved to the Cafeteria."

He said the longer walk to the Cafeteria probably accounts for the enrollment time increase, but defends the decision to move the first station there.

"Students used to have to wait around in the hall, standing in line, and it got very uncomfortable and stuffy," he said. "The cafeteria is a much better place."

Besides being asked how long enrollment took them, students were asked to rate the enrollment procedure as superior, excellent, good, fair, or poor.

With 782 students responding, 89 percent rated the procedure as good, excellent or superior. Only 4 percent rated the procedure as poor.

"I always get the complainers in here," he said. "I wanted to see if these people's feelings were representative of the student's at large, or if they were just a vocal minority."

"I feel the findings of the evaluation speak for themselves," he said.



SIGN OF THE TIMES — Handicapped Valley student warns off reckless pedestrians as he works at a computer terminal in the Data Center near the library.

Star photo by Tom Neerken

Chosen on Seventh Ballot

New Trustee Promises 'Commitment'

By TOM LEAGUE
News Editor

In a run-off between three candidates for the vacant office number three of the Los Angeles Community College District, the Board of Trustees voted in favor of Marguerite Jackson Archie, four to two after six previous ballots were tied, three to three.

Overall eight ballots were cast, with

the first ballot eliminating Morris J. Heldman, ex-president of West Los Angeles Community College.

The next six ballots were tied, with Wallace Albertson, president, Ralph Richardson and Arthur Bronson, trustees, voting for Archie, and Monroe Richman, Rick Tuttle, and William Orozco, trustees, voting for Thelma Eaton.

On the eighth ballot, Monroe

Richman changed his vote for Archie, which produced the temporary trustee. Archie will hold the office with no duties and no voting power for thirty days. The temporary position will last until March, 1979, when Archie will seek the office by an election.

The Board of Trustees carefully narrowed down the applicants for the position to the three candidates. The

Drive-Thru To Aid Enrollment Push

By EIRAM POLLARD
Sports Editor

In an effort to increase enrollment, Valley College is spending \$3,500 to move the seldom used mobile counseling trailer to the corner of Oxnard and Fulton Avenues so that people can drive through and receive enrollment forms.

"The people driving by will be directed into lots where there is more than adequate parking so there should be no hassles," said Austin Conover, Valley's Public Information Officer.

The \$3,500 was part of an allocation made to the college by the Board of Trustees with the recommendation of Chancellor Leslie Kiltai. Valley received \$5,500 "to augment existing recruitment of students," said Conover.

"I hope that it will attract at least 1000 people into enrolling here at Valley," said John Lee, Assistant Dean of Admissions. Lee explained that since Proposition 13 passed, LAVC has received a block amount of money to run classes.

In the past, the amount of money the school received was based on the average daily attendance, ADA, and weekly student contact hours, WSCH, so the more students that attended, the more money the college received.

Lee remarked, "We won't receive any more money for next semester; but the more students we have, the better off we'll be if the state legislature allots funds on the basis of enrollment next year."

The center, which opened Tuesday, will be operating until Saturday, January 27, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during the week. On Saturday, it will be in use from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The center will be manned by student workers. Presently, the Placement Center is looking for about 25 students to man the booth. The hourly pay scale for students at Valley was raised to \$2.90 last month along with the minimum wage.

Two student workers will be working in the booth at once, so the line should be almost non-existent.

"This is the first time anything like this has ever been done here," said Conover. He commented that the

trailer has never received this much use at once either.

Besides attempting to increase enrollment, the admissions office is also trying to prevent a decrease. Almost every year, the enrollment figures drop in the spring semester.

"We can usually expect about a five percent decrease in the number of students enrolled from fall to spring semesters," said Fred Machetanz, Research Coordinator.

The booth will be designed so that people can turn in the parking lot on Fulton Ave., pick up their form and schedule of classes, then park. After parking they can fill out their enrollment form and choose their classes.

Then they can drive down to the Administration Building to enroll and register. The whole process only takes about 30 to 40 minutes.

The remaining \$2,000 of the board's allocation also went towards increas-

ing enrollment. Seven-hundred-and-fifty dollars went towards the printing of a brochure entitled, "Where Are You Going?" which explains the meanings of different degrees.

Another \$650 was spent on mailing folders out to the continuing students at Valley.

A special edition of the Valley Star was also printed, and can be obtained at Austin Conover's office in the administration building. In it are many interesting articles regarding services rendered at the college.

An extra 15,000 schedules of classes were printed for home delivery. The cost including handling will run the school \$600.

"When we received the allocation," said Lee, "we had several alternatives. We feel this is the best one."

Valley is also receiving free radio time telling about the booth according to Conover.

Test Schedule Set

The date of your final examination for the Fall Semester 1978 is determined by the first day and the first hour your class meets.

CLASSES MEET AT:	Day & Time of Exam
7 or 7:30 a.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 26 - 9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 25 - 9 a.m.
8 or 8:30 a.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 24 - 9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 25 - 9 a.m.
9 or 9:30 a.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 17 - 9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 18 - 9 a.m.
10 or 10:30 a.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 19 - 9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 23 - 9 a.m.
11 or 11:30 a.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 22 - 9 a.m.
12 or 12:30 p.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 22 - 1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 23 - 1 p.m.
1 or 1:30 p.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 24 - 1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 25 - 1 p.m.
2 or 2:30 p.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 17 - 1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 18 - 1 p.m.
3 or 3:30 p.m. - Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 19 - 1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Fri., Jan. 26 - 1 p.m.

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the regular class meeting time of the week of January 22 to January 26.

Classes of less than a semester's length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All 4 p.m. and evening classes will hold final exams the next to the last or the last meeting of the class (to be announced by the instructor).

Final exams must be held on the day and time scheduled. In case of conflicts or for make-up exams — see instructor.

AS Suit Against District Bogged by Postponements

By GERALD SITSER
City Editor

Doubts and delays have afflicted the Associated Student Body as they seek compensation from the District for what they term "breach of contract" in taking over Valley's bookstore and not supporting co-curricular programming.

AS President Mike Moline claims that the District representative in this matter, Vice-Chancellor of Educational Planning and Development Joh McCuen, has intentionally postponed meetings with student representatives from Valley in a show of indifference.

"The District doesn't recognize Area IV as a student leadership group," says Moline. "They don't consider the situation important enough or serious enough to pay much attention to the students."

(Area IV is the Los Angeles area section of the California Community Colleges Student Government Association which includes nine colleges, Valley among them.)

Moline particularly describes McCuen's actions as antagonistic, calling

The Bookstore will only buy back books during the last two weeks of the semester, says Bookstore manager Joe Rizzo. There will be no other buy back periods.

the vice-chancellor "belligerent" and saying further that "he isn't really concerned with the unity of the District or the cooperation between the campuses and the main office. He's pretty much told us we're on our own and didn't give much weight to our charges."

The law suit against the District that was originally drawn up before vacation will still be filed by ASB, claims Moline, despite the District actions or any opinions on the part of Valley President Alice Thurston.

Two additional charges in the suit

involve mis-appropriation of funds by the Board of Trustees between the district office and the nine campuses and the inability of the student rep to the Board, Jessica Jones, to vote or present motions at Board meetings.

A successful settlement in the courts, says Moline will either award ASB with a cash sum (they have asked for \$10 million) or the opportunity to secede from the District and establish financial independence. AS and their counsel Dennis Carey, who is the student lawyer at Valley, will approach District counsel Larry Frierson with the suit later this month.

Semester Edition Of Crown Will Debut

The first semester edition of Crown Magazine will be smaller, more feature oriented, and more in step with commercial publications, says Crown advisor Edward Irwin.

Crown will be available beginning next week at booths in Behavioral Science and Administration buildings, and in the Business Office for students with ASB cards. For students without ASB cards, Crown can be purchased in the Book Store.



MARGUERITE JACKSON ARCHIE

Crown, Valley's magazine-yearbook, was published annually near the end of the spring semester through last year. Now Crowns will be published in both the fall and spring semesters.

"We have decided to become much more like a feature magazine," Irwin said. "Our aim had been to chronicle what was going on at Valley, for it to be more like a yearbook."

"Now we are still covering the campus, but we're doing it more the way a magazine like 'Los Angeles' would," he said.

Irwin said Crown will be reduced to 48 pages and page size will be cut to 9"x12".

"There aren't many 10"x14" magazines," he said. "This size will be more in line with the commercial magazines."

One drawback of the new size, Irwin said, is that display space for photography has been cut down.

"That is too bad, because Crown has always been an excellent showcase for student photographers' work. The magazine paper is of better quality than newspaper and the photos reproduce better," he said.

Davenport Tenders Resignation To ASB

By GIGI HOROWITZ
Managing Editor

Robert Davenport, Commissioner of Evening Division, will be the sixth A.S. member to resign from the A.S. executive council this semester.

Davenport, claiming that his resignation was "for my best interest," resigned officially at Tuesday's executive council meeting.

"I have been having trouble finding an apartment in the Valley, and I am going home to see my family in Connecticut," explained Davenport to the council.

Unlike the latest resignee Vicki Ross, Davenport had no trouble receiving a favorable vote for his resignation. He received a unanimous vote the first time he asked.

Davenport told the Star that he went to 30 or 40 apartments and was turned down at all of them. He said he was told by the unwilling landlords that they would not rent to him because he was new to California, young, and because he had no credit references.

"To say the main reason I was turned down was because I am black would be a speculation," says Davenport. "But I talked to some of the landlords on the phone for 30 minutes and they agreed that it would be good for me to rent with them but when I came to the apartments they said no."

Davenport was involved in the Christmas/Chanukah drive, presented an amendment to have one quarter of the executive council meetings in the evening, and set up evening office hours.

"I have no qualms about leaving my office. I am very sick of the apathy of the evening students. I spent my time on them, I don't mind leaving them on their own; they always have been."



PLUMBER'S GRAVE — Hoping to keep students from walking over the still-soggy ground where a water pipe burst, plumbers half-jokingly disguised their work as a grave.

Star photo by Melanie Bishop

Reading Lab Offers Help To Students

By EVAN HOWELL
Staff Writer

"Those who get help early have a greater chance for success in reading, which is still a traditional academic necessity," advises Gerald Wojcik, instructor at the VC Reading Center in Bungalow 57.

Since basic study skills can make or break students during the final exams, the Reading Lab attacks academic problems from the beginning of the semester. Basically, the Reading Lab offers an individualized program of study skills, vocabulary building, and speed and comprehension improvement, according to Wojcik. This program consists of three courses (Psychology 21, 22, and 23,) which offer unit credit, in addition to individualized help.

Psych. 21 strives to help students compete more effectively by improving fundamental reading skills.

Psych. 22 A, B, and C provides an opportunity to improve essential study skills through programmed texts and listening tapes.

Psych. 23 helps average readers reach their full potential. This course stresses speed techniques and basic study skills, as well as exploring new avenues of vocabulary.

Psych. 26 concentrates on speed and sophistication in reading.

"We aim for speed with a purpose, here," according to Wojcik. This course teaches methods of skimming, speed reading, and studying. Of course, students learn when to use each of these strategies, since various types of reading demand different techniques. A mini course in vocabulary is also featured here.

"This is a place to recognize weaknesses in reading skills, or to call attention to them, and get help from qualified reading teachers," Wojcik sums up.

Brian Mahoney, a psychology major at Valley, has increased his reading speed from 200 words per minute to 340 after two semesters at the center. His comprehension has improved 100 percent, and he can now finish reading an entire book in one sitting.

Mary Dowd, returning to school after three years, has doubled her reading speed and increased her proficiency in study skills dramatically since beginning the program this semester.

VC Fire Alarm Plan Works When Followed

The multiple ringing of bells permeates your eardrums as you are sitting in the middle of a class.

Almost everyone knows this signifies the fire alarm, but it seems that reaction to this alarm by many is one of amusement, since it always seems to be a false alarm, a momentary break in the monotony.

However, this amusement causes consternation on the part of administrators. Students take for granted that each and every alarm is simply a false alarm.

What is generally unknown is that Valley has a plan and a system to deal with any emergency on campus. Although fire drills are not mandatory on the college level, they are in elementary and secondary schools, according to Wally Gudzus, head of Valley's security.

Part of the reason for this is that the all the buildings on campus, save the bungalows, are considered fire-resistant and "are designed under very tough standards," says Dr. Mary Lee, dean of administrative services. The bungalows are so small that there is no problem in evacuating them.

Another reason is the extensive sprinkler systems in most buildings, and the fact that Valley is lucky enough to have a fire station across the street. Clearly marked exits, a

liberal number of fire extinguishers in strategic places on campus add to the safety factors.

Fire alarm boxes are located in buildings all over campus, and each box is hooked to a central "composite board," where a light-dotted map of the campus pinpoints which specific alarm box was activated.

Regular inspections are made of all safety equipment.

But besides all this, the most important safety feature is the responsibility of the instructor, "to get the students out" of the classroom as soon as the fire bells ring, says Lee, whether or not they assess the situation to be dangerous.

What's Happening

Screening

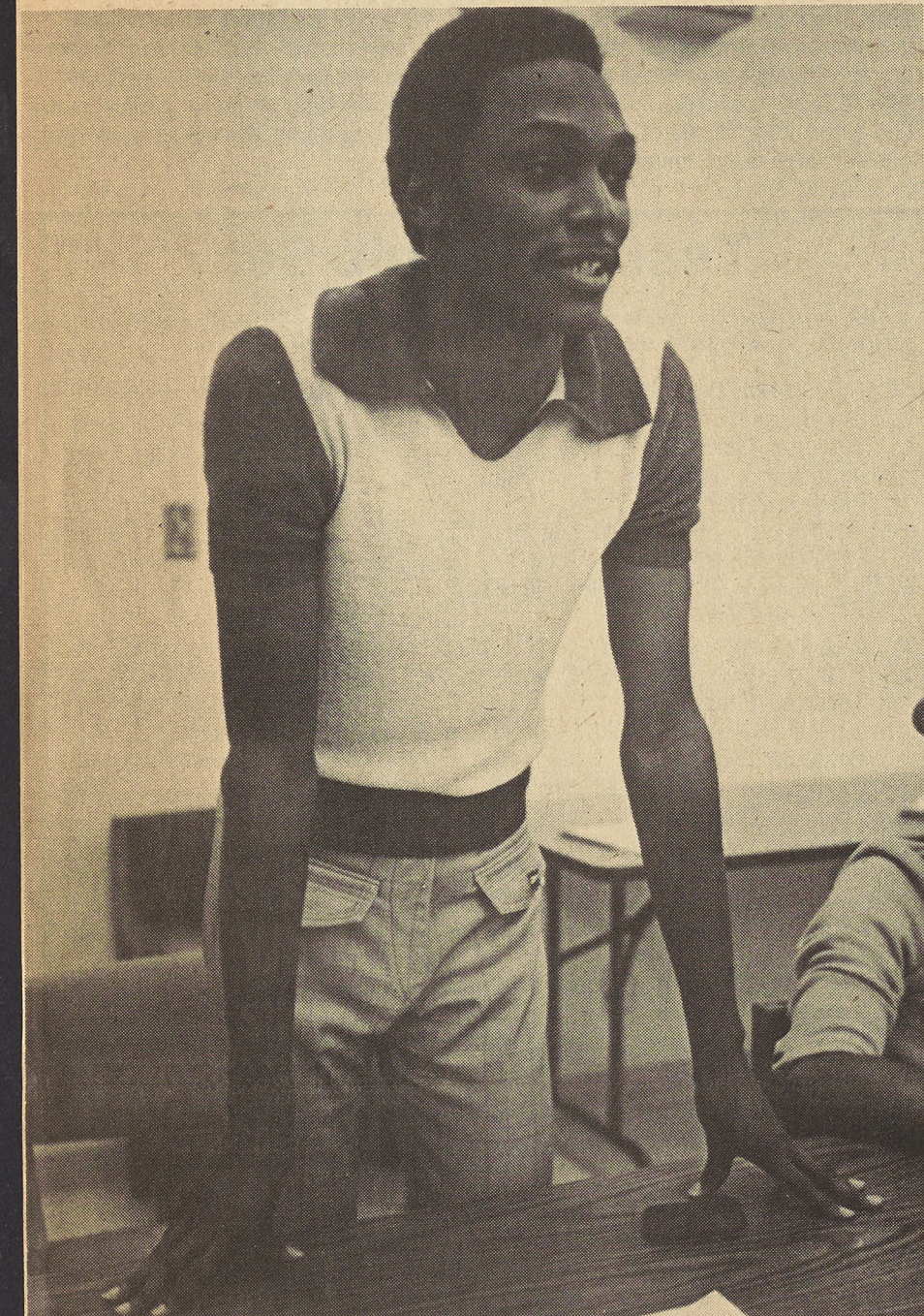
"Shining City on a Hill" will be shown Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m. in BSc 101, narrated by Senator Jesse Helms and sponsored by the Young Republicans.

Sephardic Jews

"Who are the Sephardic Jews" will be presented today at 11 a.m. in H101, sponsored by Hillel, LAVC. Everyone is welcome.

Dialogue

Richard Raskoff, chairman of the Earth Sciences Department, will be guest speaker for the Student-Faculty Dialogue today at 11 a.m. in CC108, sponsored by the S.H.E. Center.



GOIN' HOME — Commissioner of Evening Division Robert Davenport resigned his post Tuesday, saying he is going home to Connecticut.

Star photo by Melanie Bishop

Cal State Northridge Frats To Recruit Today

Chants of "Toga, toga, toga," may ring through Monarch Square today as California State University of Northridge fraternities will be on campus to recruit and provide information from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Approximately 50 to 60 frat members from ten nationally recognized CSUN fraternities will have information tables set up in the square prepared to answer questions that male Valley transfers may have.

The main purposes of the visit is to inform valley students the benefits of being a member in a fraternity, and Spring Rush events including dates, times, and places, according to Ron LaVine, organizer for the event.

Frats will show that they are more than just a group of wild and crazy guys, but also concerned students who raise funds and provide services for worthwhile organizations.

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... Trustee's Promises

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Archie, who is currently the Administrative Assistant to the honorable Yvonne Burke said, "I will be fully committed to my new office. Thank you for letting me see the process through in this office to which I'm completely committed in the Board. The Board's bases are the involvement in the community and the creation and development in the community colleges in our district. My primary concern is the students, who,

like myself, wish to see the community colleges remain tuition-free."

Before the voting, the Trustees questioned the three candidates about how would they operate or which classes or services would be most likely to go if the Board had to do away with them because of costs. All three candidates answered athletics.

In order to select a temporary Trustee, the Board had to have four votes for one candidate to be selected as the Board member.

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"THE SEASONS" GREETINGS—Saxophonist Ray Flores of Valley's Studio Jazz Band will perform a solo in a repeat of Ken Miller's popular jazz piece "The Seasons," which will be played along with other jazz pieces in the Studio Jazz Band's second Monarch Hall appearance on Thurs., Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. "The Seasons" was especially written for the Studio Jazz Band and received several "bravos" the last time it was performed. The concert is FREE for all.

Star photo by Parker Seeman

Celestial Melodies To Be Sung Jan. 7 In VC Choir and Chorale Presentation

By PARKER SEEMAN
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

Thomas Carlyle, noted Scottish essayist and historian, once said songs are "little dew-drops of celestial melody."

On Jan. 7, in Music Room 106 at 5 p.m., students and their friends will be able to hear some celestial melodies when Valley's Concert Choir and Chamber Chorale debut their singing talents. The concert is free.

"The Concert Choir will sing all three movements of the 'Christmas Cantata' by Daniel Pinkham and numbers by Mendelssohn and Brahms," said Dr. Anthony J. Palmer, director and conductor. "They will also sing two spirituals, and 'Ave Maria' by Donizetti, among other numbers."

The Chamber Chorale will sing five English madrigals, (polyphonic sixteenth century vocal pieces), in-

cluding John Bennet's "All Creatures Now are Merry Minded" and Thomas Weelkes' "Sing We at Pleasure."

"Incidental solos with chorus and complete solos will be featured."

What are the distinguishing elements of a concert choir and a chamber chorale?

"Our choir is composed of about 50 mixed voices of approximately 30 females and 20 males balanced into the appropriate number of sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses," explained Palmer. "They sing many kinds of music and the accompaniment varies from one piano to an assortment of instruments and sometimes to a full orchestra."

The students are auditioned for placement in the choir. A good voice quality and a potential musicianship for pitch, rhythm, and music reading are minimum qualifying requirements.

"The Chamber Chorale consists of 20 mixed voices who have been in the Concert Choir and have passed the higher standards of musicianship by audition," said Palmer. "Being a smaller group, the music is written that has chamber proportions to it as opposed to music written for larger groups that are more orchestral in nature."

"The composer is looking for a delicacy of sound in chamber music. The balance of voices in the chorale is most crucial in these smaller groups."

Dr. Palmer has a masters degree from Cal State Los Angeles and a doctorate in music from UCLA.

He is primarily a vocalist, having sung as a baritone in opera

workshops. Palmer is also a composer and has had a number of his choral compositions published.

Both the Choir and the Chorale give public concerts on invitation from such diverse organizations as the Huntington Library, Universal's Victoria Station, and civic groups.

"We do not charge for these performances; however, we receive donations from the organizations which go toward scholarships. We have awarded five scholarships this semester."

With such a rich background of experience, it seems fitting that students should take advantage of hearing these fine musical groups on Jan. 7.

Indeed, this may be a new and different musical experience for some.

Fine Arts Happenings

ITALIAN OPERA CONCERT FREE FOR ALL

The works of Mozart, Rossini, Puccini, Gluck, Handel, Leon, and others will be sung by Valley students Claire Maier, Susan Stewart, and Arlene Thomas on Fri., Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. This free opera is being sponsored by the Italian Club. Everyone is welcomed.

FILM: "TOMORROW"

The film "Tomorrow," based on a William Falker short story, will be shown on Tues., Jan. 9, in Monarch Hall at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The film is being presented by the English Department and will be shown for free.

FREE "C" JAZZ BAND CONCERT

The LAVC "C" Jazz Band will make its debut next Thurs., Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall. An exciting assortment of jazz numbers are in store for all jazz lovers.

Media Courses Offered By UCLA Extension

By CHRISSY JESSEE
Fine Arts Editor

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 9, UCLA Extension will offer a special course entitled "Working With the Media," which will present a behind-the-scenes view of print and broadcast media and will feature two professional media representatives who will discuss actual case histories each week.

"Working With the Media" will meet through March 13, from 7 to 9:45 p.m. in 121 Dodd Hall on the UCLA campus. Fee and enrollment information may be obtained by phoning 825-0641.

Editors and bureau chiefs from sources such as Associated Press, United Press International, the Los Angeles Times, Business Week, Los Angeles Magazine, and the Wall Street Journal will be guest speakers.

Dance In Depth

Dance Majors Learn To Become Artists

By CHRISSY JESSEE
Fine Arts Editor

At Valley, the arts are special because students are given the opportunity to perform and perfect their talents as well as expand them.

With one art, the dance, there is a class especially designed to teach students the beauty and art of movement and expression. This is Valley's very own Dance Majors class.

"To be a dance major or to be in the class does not take ten years of dance experience," said Jeanne Bosco, teacher of the Dance Majors class. "The class is unique in its own way because the students are guided to totally involve themselves in the world of art, in the form of movement."

The forms of dance the Majors experiment with in this three unit class are variations of modern, ballet, and

modern jazz. Besides working with these forms of dance, the majors are exposed to some dance history and are given chances to watch videotapes of popular dancers and dance companies.

"The aim of the majors class is to give meaning to the individual and the types of movement he or she can express," Bosco stated. "A dancer can really get involved in his movement."

A problem Bosco has been confronted with is that some new students see the Majors class and other dance classes as just "plain" physical education classes.

"I've had students who have looked at dance only to the extent of its physical capacity, not in its spiritual or artistic ways. This is another aim of the Majors class."

"I feel that dance at Valley should have its own place in the curriculum

so as to establish a solid dance program," Bosco added.

The Dance Majors class is the main class in the dance curriculum that provides the most intense study of dance. Students may take the class as many semesters as they wish. "We do something different every semester," Bosco said.

Bosco and other dance teachers hope to soon start a Dance Club where dance students can meet, plan dance concerts, and arrange for guest dancers to come and speak or teach.

"We feel that the dance majors and other dance students could benefit from a Dance Club. We would be able to receive student feedback about dance at Valley and could possibly arouse interest in students who have not taken dance here. Again, this would help us establish a solid dance program."

The dance majors meet six hours a week, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. "Every Monday and Wednesday we work as a group in the dance studio stretching, improving our balance, and working with choreography. Fridays are lecture days where the students sit, watch, and listen about the dance," Bosco said.

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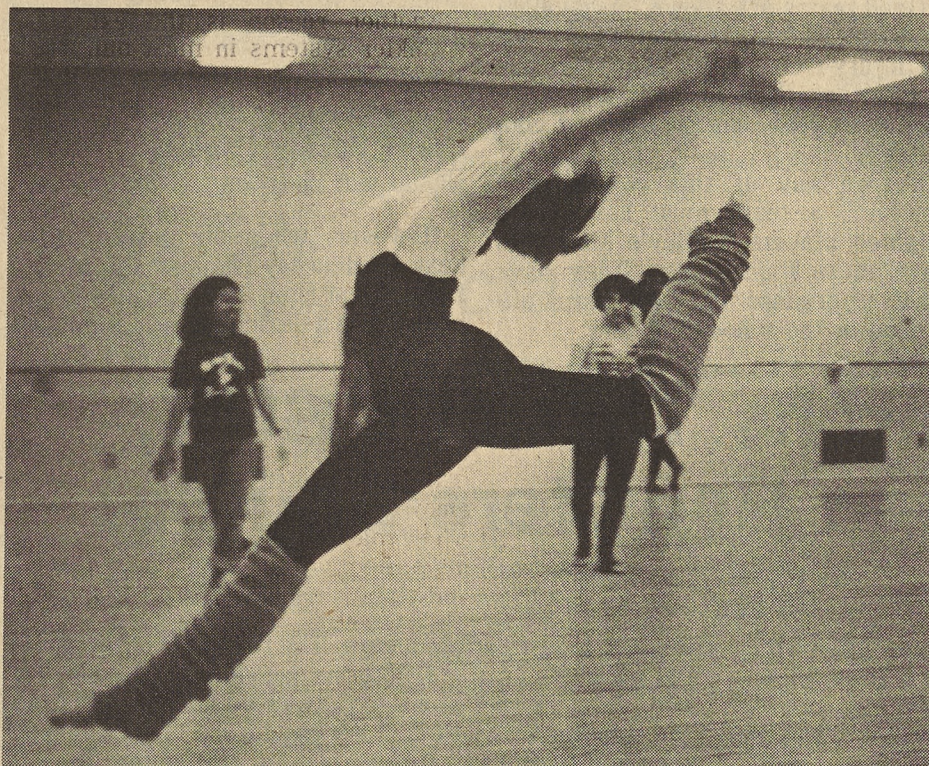
JUMP UP AND LIFT—Dance majors Kathy Kissonas and Jill Rosen practice a variation across the floor. These variations help the dance students with height and correct placement of weight.

Star photo by Opal Cullins

The Dance Majors class is an art class where individuals can learn to expand their movement abilities.

"Dance is an art, and anyone who wishes to experience it as an art

should try the Dance Majors class. I have found students who have dance talent they never realized they had. Movement can be a very exciting thing to experience."



ARCH YOUR BACK AND REACH—Dance major Gina Graber demonstrates a difficult leap that takes hours of practice to achieve.

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COD Tourney Full of Surprises

Tech Beats COD Strickland—MVP

By LANNY CONTE
Assoc. Sports Editor

With a 65-46 victory over the host COD Roadrunners, L.A. Trade-Tech coasted to its fourth College of the Desert Holiday Tournament Championship last week in Palm Desert, California.

Extremely well disciplined under head-coach Paul Landreaux the LATTC Beavers were the class of the prestigious twelfth annual COD tournament, held just fifteen miles from Palm Springs, using an effective defense oriented style of play and mastering the "stall" on offense once comfortably ahead.

Tech was led by 6'2" sophomore guard Keith Strickland, the smallest player on the Beavers, who scored 29 points in the championship game and was selected as the tournament's Most-Valuable Player.

Also making all-tournament for Trade-Tech were guard Herbert Andrew, who had 27 points in the final game, and center Arthur Claybion. Joseph Copeland, who also played well, was overlooked by the selection committee despite leading the Beavers to their 54-42 first round victory over pre-tournament favorite Orange Coast with a game high 17 points.

In the second round Trade-Tech turned back Los Angeles Valley College 56-39. Valley won its other two games to finish third in the tournament and Orange Coast won in the consolation bracket. Not a single game in the tournament was close,

but a match-up between any two of Valley, Orange Coast, and College of the Desert probably would have been.

Other teams in the tournament were Citrus, the 29 Palms Marines, Barstow, and Cariboo, a team from Kamloops, British Columbia, who found the competition down here a little tougher than they had hoped, and were routed in both their games.

Valley Star Sports

Eddie Manning, who wasn't even on the tournament roster, was selected all-tourney for the Marines although he played in only two games, and COD's Brian Grey and Citrus' Rainer Wulf, the only selection from a well-balanced Owls team, were the only freshmen named.

For Valley guard Jimmy Holland had a tournament high 31 point performance to go along with a 21 point game, and big 6'7" Lonnie Camper pulled down 36 rebounds in the tournament. Rounding out the all-tournament team were Mark Hurlbut of C.O.D., and Orange Coasters Paul Akin and Ray Orgill.



WITH A LITTLE HELP?—It looks like Lethaniel Howard (34) is giving Trade Tech teammate Vaylya Sheppard a lift to help him outjump Monarch Lonnie Camper for the rebound. The Beavers won easily 56-39 to advance to the final round.

Star photos by Dale Randall

VC Wins Third; Beavers Go Wild

By EIRAM POLLARD
Sports Editor

"They were just more disciplined than we were," said Coach Jim Stephens, referring to L.A. Trade-Tech who defeated Valley, 56-39, and prevented the Monarchs from going to the championship game. Valley finished the tournament in third place by defeating Citrus College in the most exciting game of the College of the Desert Holiday Tournament 85-77.

The Valley-Citrus game was the closest of the weekend, but at the beginning, it looked as if the Monarchs would have an easy time with the Owls. The team jumped out to an early 17-10 lead with 13 minutes left in the first half.

Shortly before halftime, Valley opened up a 13 point lead but performed poorly in the final minute, in a drill to get the last shot. Rather than going into the locker room with a 15 point lead, the lead was trimmed to 40-29.

"I was pleased with the way the

team performed against Citrus. We got out ahead early and then when we were coasting and they made their charge and cut the lead to five points in the last few minutes, the team responded and held them off," said Stephens, afterward.

Led by Jimmy Holland's 31 points, the Monarchs shot 53 percent against the Owls. Lonnie Camper pulled in a total of 36 rebounds during the tournament, as he and Holland both were named to the all-tournament team.

Citrus' only player who was named to the all-tournament team was Rainer Wulf. He scored 14 points against the Monarchs. His teammates, Mike Moses and Gene Campbell also scored in double figures for the Owls.

"This game was hard-fought (Citrus)," said Jimmy Holland, "but the game against Trade-Tech was much more physical."

Trade-Tech's Beavers entered the semi-finals against the Monarchs after upsetting the Pirates of Orange Coast, 54-42. O.C.C. was ranked sixth in the state at the time. Earlier this season, the two teams met and the Pirates wiped out LATTC by 19 points.

Valley shot a miserable 27 percent from the floor against the Beavers. Holland led Valley scorers with 11 points. He tallied 63 points for the weekend.

"I was pleased with the way my team broke down Valley's zone defense. I think that we won because we were more in control of the game. We set the tempo," said Coach Paul Landreaux, of the Beavers.

Coach Stephens commented before the game that the Beavers were the best team that Valley would have to play so far.

The game began with four scoreless minutes in which Valley's passing was very poor, but they played excellent defense. The closest the Monarchs ever came to the Beavers was 3-2. Richard Wilson started and played well. "Wilson, right now, is our best second guard; he gives us speed," said Stephens.

Coach Stephens emphasized that the only way Valley would beat Trade Tech was with fine offensive rebounding and solid defense. The Monarchs played a hustling game, but were totally outmatched.

John Zeimentz said later, "Our problem is that we are too sporadic." Zeimentz entered the game late in the second half, and swung the momentum around temporarily. He stole two passes and broke up several others. He also pulled in four rebounds in one stretch, as Valley tried to rally.

Trade Tech's defense held the Monarchs to the fewest points this season.

SPORTS LINE

TRADE TECH BEAVERS (56)										
PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	ASS	PTS			
Andrew	5	10	0	0	0	0	8	10		
Claybion	7	11	0	0	4	0	14			
Copeland	3	6	2	2	1	0	8			
Fanwell	0	0	0	0	2	0	0			
Howard	3	7	0	0	5	0	6			
Hudson	1	1	0	0	0	0	2			
Scott	0	1	0	0	3	1	0			
Sheppard	2	3	2	2	4	0	6			
Strickland	5	11	0	2	3	3	10			
Team Totals	26	50	4	6	22	10	56			

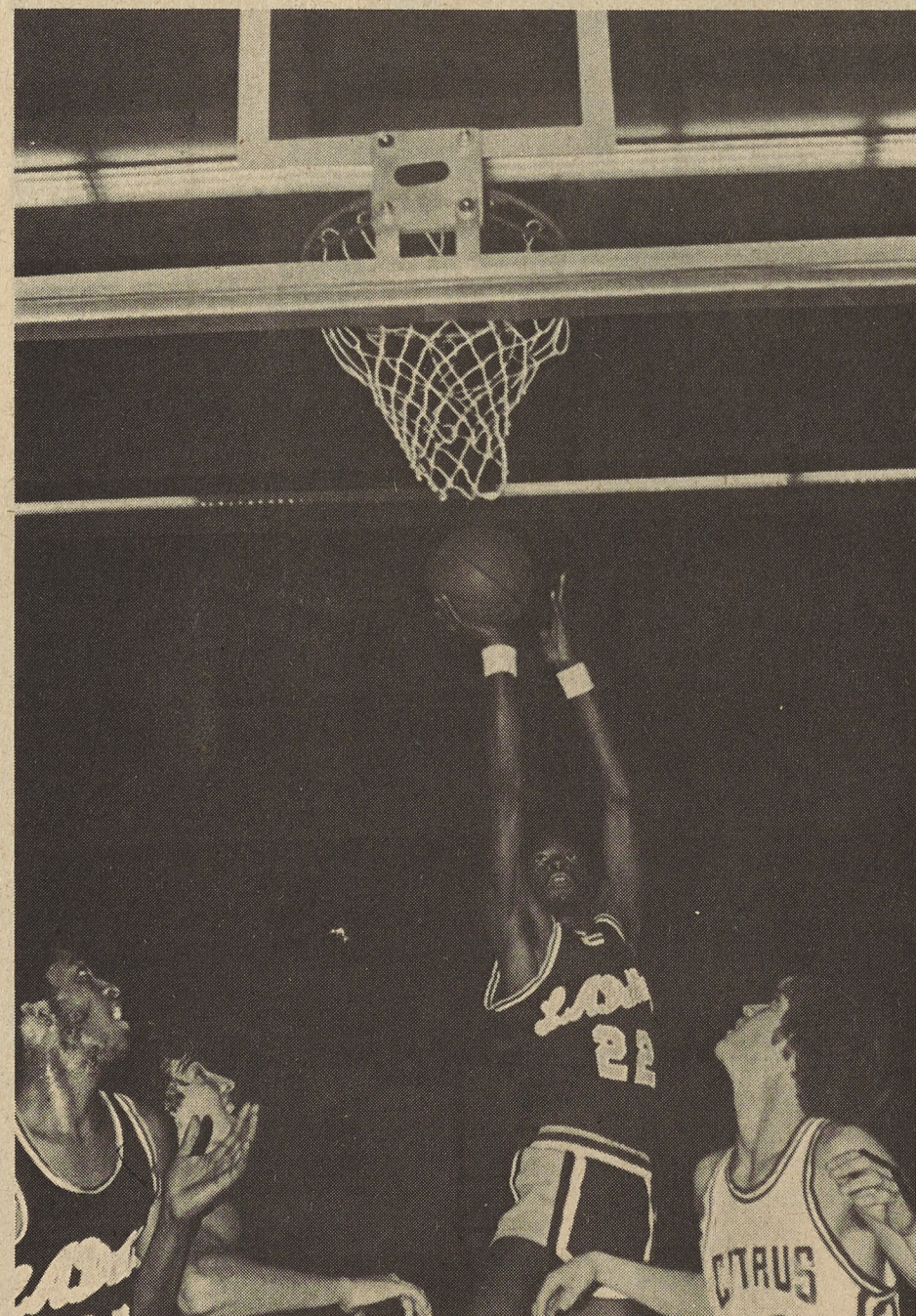
VALLEY MONARCHS (39)										
PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	ASS	PTS			
Holland	5	12	1	2	2	3	11			
Wilson	1	7	5	6	1	1	7			
Reed	2	3	0	1	1	1	4			
Mitchell	1	2	0	0	0	0	2			
Mathis	0	2	3	4	1	0	3			
Sollid	0	5	0	0	3	1	0			
Zeimentz	1	4	3	5	2	0	7			
Camper	1	9	1	3	12	0	3			
Lynn-Thomas	1	3	0	0	2	1	2			
Team Totals	12	47	13	21	24	7	39			

LA Trade Tech										
LA Valley	1	2	F							
	31	25	56							
	16	23	39							

CITRUS OWLS (77)										
PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	ASS	PTS			
Morris	6	5	6	5	1	0	8			
Moses	6	8	4	6	2	1	16			
Wulf	7	17	0	2	4	0	14			
Acosta	3	6	2	3	3	2	8			
Campbell	6	12	2	2	4	0	14			
Boult	6	10	5	6	5	1	17			
Sanchez	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Refflerie	0	1	0	0	1	0	0			
Team Totals	29	51	19	25	20	7	77			

VALLEY MONARCHS (85)										
PLAYER	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	ASS	PTS			
Holland	11	18	9	10	4	1	31			
Wilson	3	6	1	2	3	4	7			
Walker	2	4	4	4	1	1	8			
Reed	2	4	1	2	8	6	5			
Soller	1	1	0	0	0	0	2			
Mitchell	1	1	0	0	1	0	2			
Mathis	0	1	2	2	0	0	2			
Zeimentz	1	3	2	2	4	1	4			
Camper	6	9	1	5	8	3	13			
Lynn-Thomas	1	1	3	4	2	0	5			
Sollid	3	5	0	0	0	0	6			
Team Totals	31	43	26	31	31	16	85			

Valley										
Citrus	1	2	F							
	40	45	85							
	29	48	77							



ALL EYES FOLLOW—As Valley's Shelton Reed fires one from the top of the key, against the Citrus Owls. Below, Valley's Lonnie Camper, and the Owl's Rainer Wulf await the rebound.

Conte Named Sports Editor

Lanny Conte, presently associate sports editor of the Valley Star, has been named as the paper's sports editor for the spring semester.

He will be replacing Eiram Pollard who has moved up to the position of Editor-in-Chief. "I like the way the sports pages have been run this semester, and I don't foresee any major changes," said Conte.

He will have Jim DeSimio as his associate next semester. DeSimio has had previous experience on the "Burbank Scene."

EIRAM POLLARD

Consistency Missing in Cagers

Good teams are known for having a set team. Better yet, a great team has an injury-free season. Let's go one step farther, the best team, the champion each year, has the mark of consistency.

Before any of this can happen however, a team must have some talented players. Valley's Monarchs have more than a few. They have what is perhaps the best team all-around in the school's history.

Behind the talent of players like Lonnie Camper and Jimmy Holland, who combined for a total of 102 points last weekend in the College of the Desert Holiday Tournament, Valley should win their league this year.

However, when the season opens next Wednesday against the strong Brahmas of rival Pierce, Valley is going to have a difficult time unless they

can capture the one ingredient they've been missing all season: consistency.

For the past few games, Coach Jim Stephens has tried changing things around in an effort to give the team the killer instinct. He seems to have captured that, but at the same time it has hurt the team.

They are a model of inconsistency. From the beginning of the season, Les Walker was starting at the other guard position opposite Jimmy Holland. Recently, Stephens decided that one of the changes he was going to make would involve starting Scott Soller, who has given Valley good bench strength this season at guard. When Soller became a starter, he gave Valley more spirit out on the floor with his constant hustling style of play.

However, after missing a couple of practices and taking it easy in some others because of a sore thumb, Soller has fallen into obscurity. During the COD tournament he played about 10 minutes total for the three games.

Although he didn't score much (he averaged six points a game) he added a missing spark. He was replaced by Richard Wilson who is a good ball-handler. Wilson helped the team also. But why has the team been so jumbled up? Players need to play together to learn each others moves on the floor during a game.

Further inconsistency is evident in the substitutions of Stephens. Against Barstow's Vikings with the score tied at four-all, he decided his team wasn't playing with enough intensity so he took everyone out and put in five backup players which only served to slow the starting team more. Upon returning, they played with even less intensity, and by half time led by only four. Against the Vikings the lead should have been more like 15.

This type of substitution affects the players, they feel insecure because they don't know where they stand with the coach.

It seems to have helped spark the team when Stephens stepped up the substitutions, but he goes overboard sometimes. One night the team looks like a sure bet to walk away with the Metropolitan Conference when league play begins, then the next they can't tell their right foot from their left.

The team has everything it takes to be a champion; talent and few injuries. If they capture the elusive consistency by 7:30 next Wednesday when they tip off against Pierce, they may be on their way to a championship. If they don't, it may be another long season.

Hockey Monarchs Thrash CSUN; 'Iceman' Cohen Registers Shutout

By LANNY CONTE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Goaltender Claude "the Iceman" Cohen played his most brilliant game of the year and the rest of the undefeated Valley College Monarchs again proved themselves to be the class of their division by whipping Cal State Northridge 5-0 on New Year's Eve.

It was Valley's third victory over CSUN, who was expected to be the Monarchs' toughest opponents, and marked the debut of center "Gillie" Gillis, who scored a goal and two assists in the contest.

The only thing that even kept the Matadors alive was the fine net play of their goalie Peter Clark, who made 32 saves in the loss.

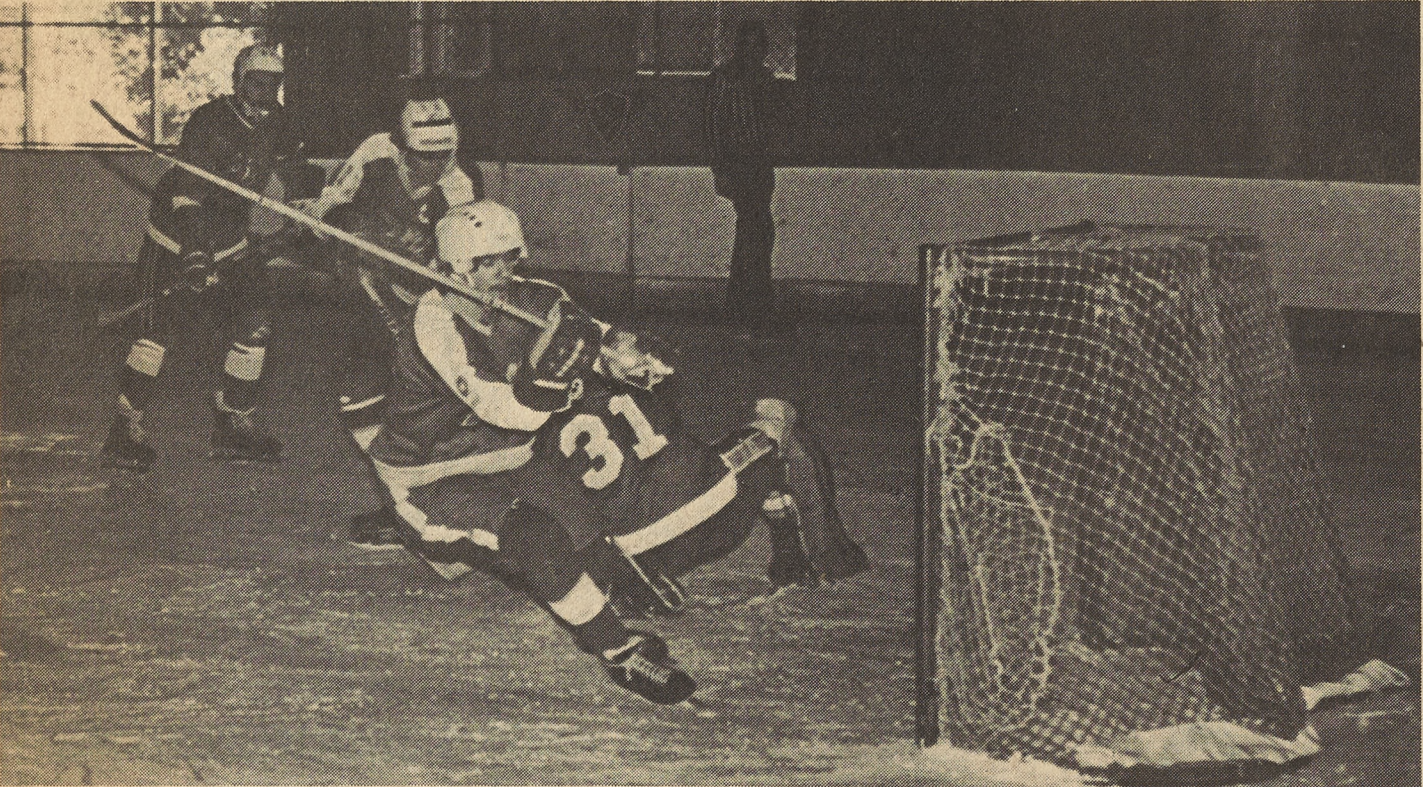
Still, the game belonged to Cohen. Whether diving to cover-up a loose puck or lunging to either side with cat-like prowess, his play was flawless.

More elbows were flying than were pucks in the first period of play as both teams showed that there was no

great love lost between them. The first goal of the game did not come until 1:33 into the second period, when left wing Jerry Horner scored on a twenty-foot slap shot from the right point. Clark couldn't handle the blast, volleyed the puck in mid-air, then watched it trickle into the net behind him while in a seated position. Barely allowing CSUN the luxury of blinking the Monarchs immediately followed up with another goal.

The second period then turned back to hard-hitting defensive play before the Monarchs exploded with three third period goals; one on a twenty-five foot left-side slapper by Vince Mazzella that blew untouched into the net, and two others on breakaway goals.

With just 3:05 left in the game, Valley defenseman Randy Gottlieb made what may have been a shutout saving penalty when he tripped-up a CSUN player from behind on a breakaway.



HEY, IT DIDN'T GO IN—Jim Honeycutt of the Monarchs skates by an empty net. He came in alone but Peter Clark of Northridge's Matadors made the save. Honeycutt later put one past

Clark as Valley easily defeated CSUN 5-0. The win was Valley's third of the season over the Matadors.